

**Introduced by Senator Liu**

February 19, 2014

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An act relating to developmental services.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1093, as introduced, Liu. Developmental services: regional centers: culturally and linguistically competent services.

The Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act authorizes the State Department of Developmental Services to contract with regional centers to provide services and support to individuals with developmental disabilities. The services and supports to be provided to a regional center consumer are contained in an individual program plan or individualized family service plan developed in accordance with prescribed requirements.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that requires regional centers to provide services in a culturally and linguistically competent manner, that reduces disparities in treatment based on racial, ethnic, and language differences that are identified by the purchase of service data, and that ensures that services are provided in the least restrictive environment, including, but not limited to, a consumer's family home.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation that does all of the following:

- 1 (a) Requires regional centers to provide services in a culturally
- 2 and linguistically competent manner.
- 3 (b) Reduces disparities in treatment based on racial, ethnic, and
- 4 language differences that are identified by the purchase of service
- 5 data.
- 6 (c) Ensures that services are provided in the least restrictive
- 7 environment, including, but not limited to, a consumer's family
- 8 home.